Reviewer's report

Title: B-type natriuretic peptide and mortality in extremely low birth weight infants with pulmonary hypertension: a retrospective cohort analysis

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I have no recommendations for revision.

This is a well written paper.

There are a number of limitations which are clearly discussed by the authors.

Whilst I do not think that the case is made for BNP to be useful practically as a stand alone prognostic test, I think that the findings are a useful platform for future research as part of the evaluation of babies with chronic neonatal lung disease and hence this paper adds to the knowledge base of this test. This is stated by the authors in their discussion.

The finding that a PDA may be significant in the long term survival of these babies is also interesting and may deserve further study in itself.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I DECLARE THAT I HAVE NO COMPETING INTERESTS